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SUBJECT: CORE RETURNS TO UGANDA

SUMMARY: CORE NATIONAL DIRECTOR ROY INNIS ARRIVED BACK IN UGANDA MAY 21. IT IS GENERAL AMIN' S INTENTION TO HAVE INNIS JOIN HIS ENTOURAGE WHEN HE GOES TO ADDIS FOR OAU ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS (THOUGH AMIN TOLD INNIS HE HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO ATTEND HIMSELF). AMIN IS TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR INNIS TO ADDRESS OAU SESSION. INNIS DECLARED THAT HIS EFFORTS TO RECRUIT BLACK AMERICAN TECHNICIANS TO COME TO UGANDA TO HELP IN THE ECONOMIC WAR HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. FIRST CONTINGENT OF TWELVE DUE TO ARRIVE IN AUGUST AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OTHERS. END SUMMARY.

1. CORE NATIONAL DIRECTOR ROY INNIS, ACCOMPANIED BY AIDE SOLOMON GOODRICH, RETURNED TO UGANDA MAY 21 FOR SECOND VISIT. THEY MET WITH GENERAL AMIN SOON AFTER ARRIVAL. AT ARRIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE AT ENTEBBE INNIS STATED HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO RECRUIT ENGINEERS, COLLEGE PROFESSORS, TEACHERS AND OTHERS WITH REQUIRED SKILLS AMONG BLACK AMERICANS TO COME HERE TO HELP IN ECONOMIC WAR. INNIS SAID HE HAS RECEIVED GREAT RESPONSE " AND A FANTASTIC LARGE

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RESERVOIR OF BLACK PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOME INTEREST TO COME TO UGANDA AND DO WHATEVER THE COUNTRY HAS TO DO."

2. INNIS STATED HE HAD COME " AHEAD OF SCHEDULE" TO JOIN UGANDA DELEGATION TO OAU CONFERENCE ADDIS; OTHERWISE HE WOULD HAVE BROUGHT WITH HIM DETAILS OF ALL THOSE COMING HERE UNDER HIS " RECRUITING UGANDA PROJECT," WHICH HIS OFFICE HAS BEEN CONCEN- TRATING ON IN PLACE OF ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES. SCREENING PROCESS IN COOPERATION WITH IBINGIRA, UGANDAN PERM REP TO UN, IS DESIGNED TO CHOOSE RIGHT KIND OF PEOPLE, WHOSE NAMES WILL THEN BE SENT TO KAMPALA.

3. ASKED HOW BLACK AMERICANS HAVE TAKEN USG' S ATTITUDE TOWARD UGANDA, INNIS REPLIED " OUR BROTHERS JUST IGNORE ALL SUCH THINGS." COMMENTING ON WATERGATE, INNIS SAID (ACCORDING PRESS) TELEPHONES HAVE BEEN BUGGED FOR LONG TIME IN US, " BUT FOR NIXON CHICKENS CAME HOME LOOSE. WE HAVE FINALLY CAUGHT THEM WITH THEIR HANDS IN A HOT JAR" (SIC). PRESS QUOTED INNIS TO EFFECT HE " DOES NOT SEE WHY NIXON SHOULD NOT RESIGN BECAUSE NO ONE WILL BE CONVINCED HE IS INNOCENT."

4. AT MEETING WITH AMIN LATTER BROUGHT INNIS UP TO DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN UGANDA SINCE HIS MARCH VISIT AND INVITED HIM TO ATTEND DISCUSSION ON OAU HELD LATER IN DAY AT CONFERENCE CENTER. (INNIS DID APPEAR, AS GUEST SPEAKER.) AMIN TOLD INNIS HE HAD INSTRUCTED GOU AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA TO CONTACT OAU AUTHORITIES " TO SQUEEZE MR. INNIS IN THE PROGRAMME SO THAT HE CAN ADDRESS THE MEETING." AMIN PROMISED ALSO TO ARRANGE FOR INNIS TO MEET VARIOUS HEADS OF STATE IN ADDIS AND TO VISIT VARIOUS AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

5. ACCORDING PRESS ACCOUNT, GENERAL TOLD INNIS THAT " PRESIDENT NIXON HAD MANHSPROBLEMS AT HOME AND IT WAS NOT WISE TO ADD ON MORE BY ACCUSING UGANDA OF EXPELLING NON- CITIZENS. IF HE HAD REQUESTED ME TO FIND A SOLUTION TO HIS HOME PROBLEMS, I WOULD HAVE APPRECIATED IT AND I AM STILL READY TO HELP HIM". AMIN ADDED THAT HE WISHED MR. NIXON BEST OF LUCK.

6. AMIN STATED HE HAD NOT YET MADE UP HIS MIND WHETHER OR NOT TO GO TO ADDIS, THOUGH HE HAD RECEIVED MESSAGES FROM MANY COUNTRIES URGING HIM TO ATTEND. MESSAGES ALLEGEDLY SAID HE SHOULD ATTEND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BECAUSE HE SPEARHEADED ECONOMIC WAR AND IS ONLY ONE WHO CAN SPEAK LANGUAGE IMPERIALISTS CAN UNDERSTAND.

7. REPLYING, INNIS ADVISED PRESIDENT THAT HIS RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AND " FIRST DELIVERY" OF TWELVE

TECHNICIANS WILL ARRIVE IN UGANDA AT BEGINNING OF AUGUST, AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OTHERS FROM VARIOUS PROFESSIONS.

8. INNIS APPARENTLY ALSO BROUGHT NEWS THAT ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY OF US HAS CONFERRED ITS HIGHEST AWARD, THE FIFTH MALCOM X AWARD, ON GENERAL AMIN. INSCRIPTION WAS " TO THE BLACK MAN WHO, FOR THE PAST YEAR, CONTRIBUTED THE MOST TO ENLIGHTEN THE BLACK PEOPLE AND GAVE DIRECTION." AWARD WENT TO AFRICAN LEADER FOR FIRST TIME. IN RECEIVING WARD IBINGIRA REPORTEDLY MENTIONED THAT GENERAL AMIN HAD REPLACED FOREIGN NAME OF ONE OF KAMPALA' S STREETS WITH NAME " MALCOLM X" (FORMERLY BORUP AVENUE).
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